

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5, 14 and 47-61 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 9 and 11-13 to read as follows. A marked-up version of those claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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1. (Four Times Amended) A document processing system comprising:  
document retaining means for retaining a plurality of folders each  
storing at least one document;  
candidate folder selecting means for selecting a plurality of  
candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new  
document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the  
plurality of folders; and  
notifying means for providing notification of the candidate folders  
selected by said candidate folder selecting means,  
wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the  
candidate folders.

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4. (Four Times Amended) A document processing system comprising:  
judging means for judging a similarity degree between document  
information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

similarity order calculating means for calculating a similarity order

of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged by said judging means;

and

notifying means for providing notification of the similarity order of

the plurality of folders calculated by said similarity order calculating means,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the

candidate folders.

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*DKS* 9. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising

the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;

selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and

providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

10. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising

the steps of:

judging a similarity degree between document information and a plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;

calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance with the similarity judged in said judging step; and

providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of folders calculated in said calculating step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

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11. (Four Times Amended) A document processing method comprising the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing a plurality of sets of document information;

selecting a plurality of folders from among the plurality of folders based on a number of sets of document information containing a keyword inputted as a search condition; and

providing notification of the folders selected in said selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the candidate folders.

12. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing programs executing the steps of:

retaining a plurality of folders each storing at least one document;  
selecting a plurality of candidate folders suitable for retaining a new  
document by comparing a feature of the new document with an average of features of the  
documents stored in a folder among the plurality of folders; and  
providing notification of the candidate folders selected in said  
selecting step,

wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the  
candidate folders.

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13. (Four Times Amended) A computer readable storage medium  
storing programs executing the steps of:  
judging a similarity degree between document information and a  
plurality of sets of information of documents stored in a folder;  
calculating a similarity order of a plurality of folders in accordance  
with the similarity judged in said judging step; and  
providing notification of the similarity order of the plurality of  
folders calculated in said calculating step,  
wherein the notification is provided in a list form including the  
candidate folders.